

# Hawaii MARINE

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Cpl. Ashley Roach

Marines from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, make contact with enemy forces during Exercise Crocodile 2003.

## Island Warriors return to Hawaii from CROC 2003

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
*Combat Correspondent*

During the first week of September, the hard charging grunts from the 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, deployed to Australia for Exercise Crocodile 2003 and returned home the first week of October with several successful training missions under their belt.

While the warriors accomplished the difficult missions day and night at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia, they also stayed motivated. In the end, their hard work paid off and all the Marines in the battalion learned quite a bit about

warfighting.

The Marines from 2/3 deployed for the first time as a Battalion Landing Team and arrived in Australia ready to pound the ground.

"We were mainly focused on the Marine's safety when we were transporting all the necessary gear to the training area," said 1st Sgt. Kenneth Frisbee, first sergeant with Headquarters and Service Co., 2/3. "We managed to transport all the gear to the training area without losing track of a single piece of equipment."

With all the necessary gear to accomplish missions, the Marines from 2/3 were ready to start the first — and what many perceived

as the most challenging — training exercise of CROC 2003.

With the Royal Australian Army ready to put up a fight on its own turf, the 2/3 warriors were ready to charge full throttle into a force-on-force exercise.

It was during the exercise when the salty Marines from each company within the regiment had a chance to be the main effort in the attack on the Australian Army.

Although the Australians had the advantage of being familiar with the terrain, the Marines still captured and deactivated the enemy forces.

"During the first two days of the

*See 2/3, A-6*

## Happy Birthday U.S. Navy, 228 years old

**Naval Historical Center**  
*Press Release*

The Chief of Naval Operations has stated that the Navy birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates to be celebrated annually.

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on Oct. 13, 1775.

All together, the Continental Navy numbered some 50 ships over the course of the war, with approximately 20 warships active at its maximum strength.

After the American War for Independence, Congress sold the surviving ships of the Continental Navy and released the seamen and officers. The Constitution of the United States, ratified in 1789, empowered Congress "to provide and maintain a navy."

Acting on this authority, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates in 1794, and the War Department administered naval affairs until Congress established the Department

*See NAVY, A-6*



Petty Officer 3rd Class Martin S. Fuentes

**U.S. Navy ships like the USS Carl Vinson have been patrolling the world's seas for 228 years. Above, the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) prepares to anchor outside Hong Kong for a scheduled port visit last August.**

## JPAC will now oversee POW, MIA recoveries

**Pfc. Bernadette L. Ainsworth**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP H. M. SMITH** — The U. S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and Joint Task Force - Full Accounting combined to form the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in a ceremony Oct. 1 at the new Nimitz-MacArthur Pacific Command Center here.

Along with the activation ceremony, JPAC held its first remains repatriation ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base, Oct. 1, where four sets of remains — believed to be those of American service members unaccounted from the Vietnam War — were brought back to be identified.

The decision to merge resulted from extensive studies to determine feasibility and the benefit of operational improvements. The JPAC will serve as the operational nucleus to coordinate all U.S. POW/MIA investigation and recovery efforts.

The missions for JTF-FA and CILHI were very similar, but not the same. The JTF-FA focused on achieving the fullest possible accounting of Americans miss-

*See JPAC, A-6*

## Welcome home 3rd Radio Bn.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

**Gunnery Sgt. Miguel Rodriguez, 3rd Radio Bn., reaches to hold his son, Miguel Rodriguez Jr., after several months apart due to Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Twenty 3rd Radio Battalion Marines were welcomed home by their family members and friends Monday after a near-nine month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Balloons, banners, candy, gifts and beverages were abundant in front of the 3rd Radio Bn. headquarters building, as the bus came to a stop and released the desert camouflage-adorned Marines to awaiting family members and friends.

"We are glad to have them all back," said Maj. John A. Stanton, 3rd Radio Bn. executive officer. "Some of these Marines have been deployed for quite a while, and the battalion is almost as eager as their families to have them back home."

Elida Rodriguez and her 2-year-old son, Miguel, were ecstatic at the first sight of Gunnery Sgt. Miguel Rodriguez Sr. She had not seen her husband in nine months, since his deployment

to Iraq.

"It's been so long, I am so glad he was able to come home to see his son who missed him more than anything," she said.

"It's nice to know that people missed you while you were away. To see all the Marines showing up for our return is also pretty moving," said her husband, who is an analyst in Alpha Co.

Fellow 3rd Radio Bn. Marines were there to greet some of the single Marines returning to the unit, offering them a cold beverage and a firm handshake.

The welcome home was something the Marines of 3rd Radio Bn. have been looking forward to for a long time.

Along with family members and friends, Key Volunteers from the unit were present to give the returning Marines several gifts of fresh-baked cookies and candy, as well as to present a large "Welcome Home" banner they had constructed while the Marines were gone.

*See 3RD RADIO, A-6*



# MCBH News Briefs

## SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE AWARE WHEN ACCESSING LES

The following applies to both military and civilian employees.

Someone was recently trying to download his Leave and Earnings Statement. He was at the [www.mypay.com](http://www.mypay.com) Web site, and was entering his Social Security number in the search bar to retrieve his LES.

The problem is that [www.mypay.com](http://www.mypay.com) is not the official Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site.

It is set up to resemble the official site, with terms like “LES” and “DFAS” listed on the left side as “Recent Searches.” However, when you click on the loan link, you are taken to a payday loan vendor and giving the loan vendor your personal information.

The official Web site is <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COCONUT ISLAND BEACH CLEAN-UP

Volunteers are needed for the Coconut Island Beach Clean-up on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Showtime is 7:45 a.m. at the base marina. Boat transportation, lunches and drinks will be provided free for volunteers.

The day will not be all work, as volunteers will have time to relax and enjoy the beauty of Coconut Island.

Families are welcome to attend. RSVP by Oct. 17.

For more information, contact Jim Lakey at 782-6150, or e-mail [lakey@hawaii.edu](mailto:lakey@hawaii.edu) or [Lakeyv001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Lakeyv001@hawaii.rr.com).

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# IN THE CG’s MAIL BOX



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

My name is Abby Hughes; I’m an 8-year-old that lives here on base. I have lived here for five years and like it very much.

I have seen many improvements here on base since I have lived here. But, I have some questions about the building of new playgrounds on base.

Several weeks ago, the playground in my community at Bancroft Drive and Pond Road was taken down.

The kids were told that a new playground would be built very soon. We have not seen any sign of

our new playground.

On behalf of all of the kids in my neighborhood, I’d like to know what the plans are for our new playground in my community.

Thank you very much for taking your time to answer by CG mail.

Sincerely,  
Abby Hughes

Dear Miss Abby Hughes,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your letter of Sept. 24 since your concerns fall within my area of respon-

sibility. The commanding general appreciates that you took the time to participate in the “CG Mail” program.

Playgrounds are important quality of life issues for the Marines, Sailors, and their families who reside aboard MCB Hawaii.

Your safety and that of others, though, is of paramount concern.

The Bancroft and Pond area playground you mention was removed because of safety considerations resulting from structural damage. However, I am pleased to announce that a new,

replacement playground set is scheduled to arrive aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, within 90 to 120 days.

Until then, we ask that you use one of the other playground areas near your home (the closest is located behind 2135 Bancroft Drive).

I personally want to commend you for your interest and concern. Thank you for participating in the CG mail program.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kent Murata  
Assistant Chief of Staff,  
Installations & Logistics

*(Editor’s Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*  
*The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?*  
*Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.*  
*For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm).*

# Marines corner the market



Alan Perlman Foto Associates and The NASDAQ Stock Market Inc.

Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin (center) and Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., join NASDAQ host Chris Concannon, executive vice president of Strategy and Business Development, in the market opening, Oct. 6.

# Healthy, peaceful homes take work

## Family Advocacy Program MCB Hawaii

Welcome to the month of the World Series, Halloween, and Domestic Violence Prevention. This year’s theme for Domestic violence prevention is “Healthy Home & Peace of Mind.”

Domestic violence is the opposite of peaceful. The more healthy and peaceful our homes are, the less likely there will be any domestic or in-home violence.

Domestic violence is much more than brawls and black eyes. It is an

attitude, a state of mind and an unhealthy mind.

If we dread going home, or look forward to showing who’s in charge, we’re living in an infected home.

Healthy relationships take work. It’s not easy to grow, adapt, meet challenges and make time for each other, but these efforts are essential if we want a happy, healthy home.

Military life is a constant challenge of frequent absences, moving every few years and worrying about your loved ones’ safety. These stresses are part of the job and difficult to avoid.

Does your partner know how hard

you’re trying? Do you understand where your partner’s coming from, even if you don’t agree? Do your children know you love them, and know that disciplining them is the hardest part of being a parent?

Here are a few things you can do to strengthen family ties and meet these inevitable stresses.

1) Talk to each other. Sounds like a no-brainer, but with hectic schedules, it’s hard to find time. So, be sure to set time for family meetings, and time to share each other’s company.

See **HEALTHY HOME**, A-4

• **Getting It Straight:** The article entitled “Military takes zero-tolerance, testing approach to fight drugs” on page A-9 of the Oct. 3 issue was obtained by permission from Pacific Business News. You can obtain more information on this subject and others at [pacific.bizjournals.com/pacific/](http://pacific.bizjournals.com/pacific/).





Cpl. Jason E. Miller

(Left to right) Lance Cpl. Mike Ackerman, Cpl. Nelson Santiago and Lance Cpl. Aaron Chaney from Charlie Battery, 1/12, load a live round into an M198 155mm Howitzer cannon during the combined arms live-fire exercise at Exercise Crocodile 2003.

# Island Warriors go hot in Shoalwater

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
*Press Chief*

**SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, QUEENSLAND, Australia** — After two full weeks in the Australian bush, Marines from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, finally received the chance to load their weapons with live rounds for the unit’s planned combined arms, live-fire exercise here Sept. 23.

The battalion, supported by three companies of mechanized armor from reserve units across the United States and artillery support from Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, out of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, set out across the firing ranges of Queensland’s Shoalwater Bay training area to add an even deeper sense of realism to the force-on-force exercise that occurred during the last two weeks of Exercise Crocodile 2003, which lasted Sept. 6 - 26.

Echo, Golf and Fox companies moved about the training area via Amphibious Assault Vehicles, CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters and Light Armored Vehicles to assault specified targets, which acted as enemy forces spread

across the training area. Marines fired weapons ranging from M-16s to MK-19 automatic grenade launchers during the exercise.

While Marines often get the chance to use their weapons on ranges in Hawaii, the chance to use them in Australia gave them greater knowledge of their capabilities in the different environment.

“The terrain here is a lot different than something we’d

encounter at a training area like PTA [Pohakuloa Training Area] or Schofield [Barracks],” said Capt. Brian Russell, commanding officer of Charlie, 1/12.

“Here there weren’t any designated firing points, so we didn’t know exactly where everything was going to be before we started. Training here in Australia has been great because it’s so differ-

*See 2/3, A-4*



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

**A Marine from Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, sights in on his target with an M16A2 service rifle during live-fire training exercises at Exercise Crocodile 2003.**

# LAR pounds the ground in Australia

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, QUEENSLAND, Australia** — After being activated for more than six months, the reservists with the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn. out of Salt Lake City, Utah, deployed from Okinawa, Japan, to the “land down under” as part of the Ground Combat Element, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, for Exercise Crocodile 2003.

One of the many challenging missions while deployed to the land down under, was the live-fire exercise conducted Sept. 19 that gave the warriors in the 4th LAR a chance to release some stress and put tons of firepower downrange with a variety of weapons.

“The last time we were able to fire these weapons was while we were in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said 1st Lt. Alex Howard, platoon commander with the 4th LAR. “Considering the last time we fired these



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

**Marines from the 4th LAR Bn. light up the night skies in Australia during night-fire exercises, part of Exercise Crocodile 2003, by sending massive amounts of firepower downrange destroying numerous targets.**

weapons we were in a real-world situation, we were all more than ready to fire them up again and send some rounds downrange.”

Just as the Marines had deadly accuracy while in Iraq, they proved their skills were still razor sharp when they lit up the training area’s skies with thousands

of rounds of ammunition. As the hot Australian sun pounded down on the Marines, they battle-zeroed the 25mm cannon on the Light Armored Vehicle 25 on targets 1,000 meters away. During the hours of daylight, the mission became a section fire and maneuver. A 7.62mm coaxial machinegun laid down a base of fire and the 25mm mobilized from the turret of the LAV. As the two weapons laid down direct and indirect fire, the LAV crewman began to move closer and closer to the target, taking turns bounding forward, while taking advantage of the firepower covering them from their fellow LAV crewman. “We focused on our timing and our maneuvering during the first exercise,” said Howard. “It can be quite difficult to maintain a base of fire while maneuvering the LAV. However, if done correctly like the Marines did, it is highly effective and destructive to enemy personnel because the amount of firepower is overwhelming.”

## Word on the Street

*“What do you think about the Distance Learning Center?”*



“I will get in there and use it, because it’s free.”  
**Cpl. James Schiele**  
Machinegunner  
Fox Co., 2/3



“I will do some MCI’s in there, because that will help me get promoted faster.”  
**Lance Cpl. James Haven**  
Machinegunner



“This thing sounds like a good deal.”  
**Pfc. Brandon Fields**  
Rifleman  
Echo Co., 2/3



“Great resource, but I had no idea it existed, and now I’m leaving. I could use it to write my resume though.”  
**Cpl. David Lesure**  
Rifleman  
Charlie Co., 1/3



“The late hours of operation should be reason enough to take advantage. I wish I had known this sooner.”  
**Cpl. Adrian Hill**  
Machinegunner  
Weapons Co., 1/3

*(Editor’s Note: The DLC is a self-paced, multimedia computer resource center, which offers online courses, MCIs and more for MCB Hawaii-based military, families and civilians. It’s located in Bldg. 221, Room 108, aboard Kaneohe Bay.)*



# Reserve Marine shows real meaning of personal sacrifice

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, QUEENSLAND, Australia** — Every day, some Americans decide to leave their civilian lives behind, raise their hand, and take the oath of enlistment to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

Along with those, there are thousands more who decide they are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary to serve in the ranks of the military.

Cpl. David Massey is not one of them.

A gunner with the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Reserve Battalion, Salt Lake City, Utah, who recently served with Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, for exercise Crocodile 2003, Massey knows about making sacrifices.

Massey had already attained a bachelor’s degree in finance when he decided he wanted to serve as an officer in the Army Reserve. When he went to the Army recruiter in March of 2000, his office was closed. Right next door was a recruiter for “the few and the proud.”

Massey asked the Marine recruiter if the Corps had an officer program in the reserves. After the recruiter told him what it meant to be a Marine, however, Massey decided to take the enlisted route and was shipped to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

“I knew boot camp was going to be tough, but I had no idea it was going to be nearly as tough as it was,” said the 27-year-old, brown-hair and brown-eyed Latin American as he recalled the experience as if it were only yesterday. “I wanted to serve my country the best way I was capable. Only certain people are capable of serving in the hardest branch of the service.”

After completing recruit training and earning his “Marine” title, Massey completed his military occupational specialty school and returned home to his unit, where he was required to drill one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. He also returned to the University of Utah and attained a second bachelor’s degree in political science in December of 2002.

It was shortly after he completed his degree when the Marine reservist met his future wife. He told her he was a Marine Corps reservist, but she

did not understand the responsibility that came with the title.

“He told me he was a Marine, but I was unsure of what that meant because I never really knew anyone in the service,” said Stevie Ann Massey. “I made a mental note of what he told me and then filed it away in my mind. I did not realize how serious it was until literally right after we were married.”

Before the couple took their vows, David Massey had submitted in several applications to law schools across the country. After being accepted to several of the colleges, he chose to attend what he considered to be one of the most prestigious law schools in the country: Fordham Law School in New York.

David Massey had a bright future ahead of him. He was working as an equity trader for Morgan and Stanley, Inc., out of Salt Lake City, Utah, for what he believed to be a decent salary. But he still wanted to be an entertainment lawyer and planned to go to Fordham Law School in November of 2003.

David and Stevie Ann married June 10, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nev. Twelve hours later, David’s reserve unit was activated to fight the war on terror in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Later, after serving in the Persian Gulf, his reserve unit was sent to Okinawa as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

“I cannot explain how I felt when he left right after we were married,” said Stevie Ann. “Many married people take their spouse always being there for granted [but] my husband has a rare quality of honor you rarely see anymore.

“He has made a beneficial decision, but yet a difficult one. He put his education, his personal life and his job on hold to serve his country.”

While deployed to fight the war on terror, David Massey was strongly supported by his new wife. Due to the



MASSEY

time differences, he called her at different times in the middle of the night in order to communicate. Regardless of the time he called, Stevie Ann stayed on the phone with him — sometimes until it was time for her to get ready for work in the morning.

While deployed, David Massey received some good news. Even though he would not be able to attend the well-sought after Fordham Law School at the time it allowed him to begin, the school would hold his application and his letter of acceptance for another year. His job at Morgan and Stanley, Inc., also continued to pay his salary even while he was away from the workplace.

“These have been some stressful times in the last year,” said David Massey. “My job, my school and especially my lovely wife supporting me while I serve my country and coped with this deployment.

I am going to stay in the reserves, and I am going to stay with my unit in Utah even while I am in New York. They have become my family. I am going to fly back once a month for drill so I can continue to be a part of that family.”

David Massey believes he has gained a lot of valuable experiences from the Marine Corps even though it has put a damper on his civilian affairs. He firmly believes that no mater how successful he becomes in the civilian world, he will continue to serve as a reservist.

“I’m staying in,” said the six-foot-tall Massey. “If I am deployed again, then I am going to once again put my life on hold. I made a commitment to my country, and I will continue to fulfill that promise as long as I am capable of doing so.

## 2/3, From A-3

ent from what we’re used to.”

The exercise kicked off in the early morning and kept the Marines moving for most of the day, traveling from one objective to another while destroying enemy positions along the way.

“We just recently picked up about 13 new Marines,” said Capt. Brian Russell. “We’re definitely leaving Australia a better unit than we arrived because the training’s been so good.”

The CALFEX concluded a monthlong training evolution for 2/3 in support of Exercise Crocodile 2003.

The Marines spent previous weeks training along-side Australian forces to promote interoperability and basic infantry skills, while adding air and mechanical assets provided by 3d MEB.

## HEALTHY HOME, From A-2

2) Reduce your risks and only control what you can. Disagreements about money are at the top of the argument list for couples of all ages.

Find a way to agree, and work out a plan. Call for the free services of a financial planner in Personal Services at 257-7783.

3) Nearly everyone loves babies, except when it’s 4 a.m. and you haven’t slept. Everyone gets frazzled and it’s a 24/7 job.

Get helpful hints and free home visits from the New Parent Support Program at 257-8800.

4) Have you noticed the growing community concern about the “ice” epidemic on our little islands? Protect your family from becoming instant addicts by getting a copy of the video, “Hawaii’s Crystal Meth Epidemic,” or surf to noiceinparadise.com.

5) Monitor your use of alcoholic beverages. Relaxing is fine as long as it’s not an excuse for letting out (or drowning) the unhappy feelings you need to share at home when stone-cold sober.

Get your questions answered by the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at 257-3900.

Use this month to do a “health check” on your family, and your own peace of mind.

As long as everyone at home is peaceful, no violence will occur. Nourish that peace.

# The Easy Riders are keeping the peace

**Lt. j.g. Lesley Alexander**  
*Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37*

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) 37, Detachment 6, currently embarked on the Mighty War Dragon, USS Chosin, is in the sixth month of its Arabian Gulf deployment.

Detachment 6 and the Chosin are attached to the Nimitz Strike Group in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Homeported here aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Detachment 6 consists of two SH-60B aircraft, six pilots, three aircrewmembers, and 18 maintenance and administrative personnel. During its deployment, Detachment 6 has operated in a variety of places and conducted numerous missions, from armed reconnaissance to search and rescue.

The majority of Detachment 6's time has been spent in the North Arabian Gulf, conducting force protection and

security patrols for coalition naval force operations and humanitarian aid shipping. The detachment has also played a major role in ensuring the sovereign integrity of Iraqi territorial waters and ports.

While each mission is important, some of the missions have provided high points for the crew. Lieutenant Commander Randy Biggs, the officer in charge of Detachment 6, summarized some of the highlights.

"We secured an enemy tugboat and protected the first tanker to fuel at the newly reopened Iraqi Mina Al Bakr Oil Terminal," he said. "We also trained for naval strike warfare anti-terrorist contingency operations during Operation Sea Cutlass.

"Most recently, Detachment 6 conducted the emergency medical evacuation of an electrocuted sailor to Muscat, Oman."

The Persian Gulf operating environment has changed dramatically since



Courtesy of HSL-37

**The Easy Riders are in their sixth month of deployment to the Arabian Gulf. The majority of their time has been spent conducting force protection and security patrols.**

Detachment 6 has been in theater. At one point, the Gulf was home to four carrier battle groups and seven big deck amphibious ships in support of Iraqi operations.

"Now, the Persian Gulf is a ghost town. We still patrol in defense of those

freed, but things have changed," said Biggs. "Deployments are longer, return dates are fluid and missions are various, but one thing has stayed the same. The Easy Riders of Detachment 6 are on station and still the best-looking detachment in the Western Pacific."

## Preparing for the Marine Corps' 228th birthday

**USMC Birthday Pageant**  
The public is invited to celebrate the U.S. Marine Corps' 228th birthday by attending the U.S.M.C. Birthday Pageant Nov. 7 at 10 a.m., located at Dewey Square aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

**Officers' Birthday Balls**  
Tickets are now available for

2003 Hawaii Officers' birthday balls. Tickets are \$58 per person, and the purchase deadline is Oct. 23. Officers and GS-7s and above are invited to attend the birthday ball. Tickets may be purchased from your unit representatives at the following commands:

•Pacific Command:  
1st Lt. Sarah Afshar - 477-7422

•Pacific Fleet:  
Capt. Mark McCarroll - 471-8229  
•3rd Radio Battalion:  
1st Lt. Debra Gomez - 257-1443

•MCB Hawaii/Headquarters Bn.:  
Lt. Col. Jeff Zeller - 257-7724  
•Marine Corps Air Facility:  
1st Lt. Michael Cliggett - 257-2882  
•3rd Marine Regiment:  
Maj. Robert Peterson - 257-3202

•Marine Aircraft Group 24:  
Capt. Colleen Judd - 257-3222  
•Combat Service Support Group 3:  
1st Lt. Jeff Wright - 257-1558  
•Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific:  
Capt. Andy Drake - 473-6524

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•G-5: Maj. Lumalcuri - 477-8572  
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# DUIs are career killers

(Editor’s Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of DUIs or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

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aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was arrested for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol concentration of .229 percent on Oct. 2. His driving privileges were suspended, and his decal and vehicle were removed from the installation Oct. 2 as well.



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds that impaired driving is not merely a traffic offense. Don’t be fooled. Impaired driving is no accident nor is it a victimless crime. Too many people still don’t understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don’t mix. If you also find this too hard to figure out when you’ve had too many drinks to drive, don’t risk it. If you’re feeling “buzzed,” you are most likely impaired. And, if you drive impaired, law enforcement will arrest you.

## You drink & drive, YOU LOSE.

### TO DO LIST

Before any activity that involves alcohol:

- Plan ahead.
- Choose a sober designated driver.
- Take mass transit or a

taxicab, or ask a friend to drive you home if you didn't plan in advance. Spend the night where the

- activity is being held.
- Celebrate responsibly.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

### JPAC, From A-1

ing or unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam War. The Central Identification Laboratory’s, Hawaii, mission was to search for, recover and identify missing Americans from all previous conflicts. The JPAC will now take on both of these missions. “This unification will allow us to take advantage of the abilities of these two

commands and eliminate redundancy,” said Army Brig. Gen. W. Montague “Que” Winfield, commanding general, JPAC. Together, JTF-FA and CILHI have recovered and identified more than 1,850 missing or unaccounted-for Americans. There are more than 88,000 Americans still missing. One American is missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from Vietnam, 120 from

the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II. The JPAC first official mission will be to Laos in two weeks. “Every service member brought home is a small victory and a small promise kept to their families,” said Brig. Gen. Winfield.

### 2/3, From A-1

fight, the Marines had difficulty advancing in the attack, but after they learned how the Australians were fighting, they were able to defeat them,” explained Frisbee. Still charged and full of warfighting energy, the 2/3 Marines remained red hot and ready to fire some live rounds downrange during the live-fire portion of the exercise.

Unlike most live-fire exercises, the Marines were mobilized with manpower from mechanized armor from reserve units all over the continental United States. This gave the Marines the opportunity to attack targets while being mobilized during the hours of visibility and darkness. According to Fitzgerald, this was a first-time experience for many of the Marines in the Regiment.

### NAVY, From A-1

of the Navy on April 30, 1798. Not to be confused with the Navy birthday or the founding of the Navy Department is Navy Day. The Navy League sponsored the first national observance of Navy Day in 1922 designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on Oct. 27. In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of Oct. 13 as the Navy’s birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.”

### 3RD RADIO, From A-1

“The support from the Key Volunteers is outstanding,” said Stanton. “They come out here and show their support as if it was their own family returning, because many of them know exactly what it’s like to wait for a returning spouse.” Also returning to her family was Gunnery Sgt. Becky Erbe, of 3rd Radio Bn., who was greeted by her husband, Greg, and children Nick, Alex and Holly. “We are all back together again as a family, and that is what matters most,” said Erbe. “It’s great to have her back,” said her husband. “It’s been so long; I’m just so happy to have her back.”